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The Tuscarora Nation of North Carolina Petitioner #102  
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The Draft Criteria for updated  
criteria for Federal Recognition lacks two major elements and I would like you to implement these into your new  
criteria.

1. Identity Theft by a tribe seeking federal recognition. This means that a tribe claiming history that belongs to another tribe. ie. The Lumbee Tribe claiming in their House and Senate bill application that they are predominantly Cheraw Indian yet claiming our Tuscarora History. We ask that a measure be implemented into the Criteria that in such cases that a hearing be held that includes the Tribe that has had its History stolen. Any failure by the BIA to implement this into the new criteria could lead to massive legal action to recover damages in the future.

2. Because of Jim Crow racist laws some tribes did not have an formal tribal identity until after 1934. Allowance need to made in such cases by allowing the petitioner to explain why they can't meet a criteria if racism was a factor and this definitely needs to be seriously considered.

Your help in these matters are much appreciated. Please respond with any questions.

Leon Locklear

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